

Appl. No. 10/619,135
Amdt. Dated 04/05/05
Reply to Office Action of 01/31/05

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the thorough review of the present application.

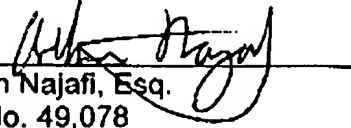
Applicant respectfully requests the examiner to consider the present amendment because the present amendment clearly places the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant understands such claim amendments are submitted after the Final Office Action and may require a new search or consideration by the examiner. However, Applicant respectfully asserts the scope of claim protection has been narrowly limited to the embodiments shown in FIGS. 1 and 2, and if accepted by the examiner, Applicant would be willing to disclaim patent protection on the embodiments shown in the remaining FIGS. of record. Further, Applicant respectfully submits no prior art of record, individually or in combination, would teach such a narrow scope of claimed elements, as recited in the present Amendment.

In view of these considerations, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of the original claims should be considered as no longer tenable with respect to the currently amended independent claims 1, 10, and 16. All pending dependent claims necessarily include the recitations of their independent claims and therefore are also in condition for allowance.

Should the examiner consider necessary or desirable to make formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by examiner's Amendment, if the examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively, should the examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, she is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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